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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).**

<i>Application Number</i>	09/881,299
<i>Filing Date</i>	June 13, 2001
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2814
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<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	MI22-1747

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AMENDMENTS

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